

REMARKS

The claims have been amended as to form so as to place this application in condition for disposal at the time of the next Official Action.

In thus amending the claims, careful attention was paid to the Examiner's formal criticisms of the previous claims, all of which criticisms are believed to be satisfied by the present corrections.

It is noted that a number of the claims were rejected as unpatentable over McCLOURE et al. in view of RIVELLI et al.

However, no such rejections were applied to claims 27, 29 and 33. It is therefore assumed that the Examiner found patentable subject matter in these latter claims.

Accordingly, we have added the limitations of claim 33 to claim 22, thereby presumably placing claim 22 in condition for allowance, and with it the claims that depend therefrom. Of course, claim 33 is canceled as redundant of thus-amended claim 22.

We have rewritten claim 27 in independent form as new claim 41, by combining claims 22, (without the claim 33 subject matter), 24 and 27.

Similarly, we have rewritten claim 29 in independent form as new claim 42, by combining claims 22 (again without the claim 33 subject matter), 24, 26 and 29.

The present application thus presents three independent claims, each of which is believed to have been recognized to embody patentable subject matter. This being the case, there is no need to discuss the applied references at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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